ST506: Systematic Theology Survey. 2 hours

Meeting Time: Mondays, 10:00 AM – 11:55 AM; Aug 24 – Nov 30

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Catalog Course Description
Introduction to the discipline of systematic theology for Christian ministry. Topics include: prolegomena, doctrine of scripture, doctrine of God, Christology, anthropology, hamartology, soteriology, common grace.

Explanation
This course is designed to provide MFT students with a customized introduction to (Reformed) systematic theology. We will consider both theological method and content and focus on those topics (especially in the doctrines of revelation and Scripture, God, and humanity as created and fallen) that are most relevant for the counseling program. Some topics (doctrines of salvation and church) will be reserved for the companion course, Applied Theology, offered each spring.

Textbooks
Required
Herman Bavinck, Reformed Dogmatics: Abridged in One Volume (Baker: ISBN 9780801036484)
J. I. Packer, Knowing God (IVP: ISBN 9780830816507)

Recommended
Richard A. Muller, Dictionary and Latin and Greek Theological Terms (Baker: ISBN 9780801020643)

Assignments
Class Participation
Show up, pay attention, complete your assigned readings (you may be called on to offer an opinion or explain a term or concept), and contribute meaningfully to class discussions.

In Class Exams
There will be a midterm and a final exam—the final will be cumulative.

Term Paper
Write an eight (8) page paper on the relationship of the Reformed doctrine of Scripture to the theory and practice of Christian counseling.

Course Grade
Class Participation 10%
In Class Exams 30 % each; 60% combined
Term Paper 30%
Total 100%
### Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

#### ST Survey for MFT Students (Baugus)

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<th>MDiv Student Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td><strong>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</strong></td>
<td>Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripture</strong></td>
<td>Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)</td>
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<td><strong>Reformed Theology</strong></td>
<td>Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanctification</strong></td>
<td>Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification.</td>
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<td><strong>Desire for Worldview</strong></td>
<td>Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.</td>
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<td><strong>Winsomely Reformed</strong></td>
<td>Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)</td>
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<td><strong>Preach</strong></td>
<td>Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td><strong>Worship</strong></td>
<td>Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.</td>
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<td><strong>Shepherd</strong></td>
<td>Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.</td>
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<td><strong>Church/World</strong></td>
<td>Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.</td>
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